

"Germany Will Never Starve; Not While We Have 1,000,000 Prisoners!"

—Baron von der Kellhofer.

Bundesrath Senator, in Cannibalistic Speech, Declares Eating of Prisoners Thoroughly Justifiable If Black Wolf of Starvation Faces Empire.

Berne, Switzerland (Delayed).—In one of the most barbaric speeches ever uttered in the high chambers of the Bundesrath, Baron Wilhelm von der Kellhofer, of Bavaria, with typical Teutonic cruelty, declared it was useless for the enemy to presuppose that Germany could be starved out, because of the added harvest their conquest of Russia entailed and the fact that the Fatherland already holds over 1,000,000 American, French, British and Belgian prisoners. He said in part:

"Survival of the fittest and self-preservation have always been the predominant features of existence. Were Germany to face the black wolf of starvation, it would be our sheer and bounden duty to our brave soldiers, wives and children, to slaughter such prisoners as God may have granted us in the same manner as we would any other swine, and thus relieve the hunger of our noble race. I might take you back through the history of the ages and show you how, when forced to this point of extremity, all nations have subsisted on the carcasses of their prisoners.

"Fortunately, however, Germany will never be forced to such an extremity; for God, in his righteous anger, has smitten the enemy, and given Russia—with her thousands upon thousands of grain fields—unto us in our hour of need, and while our military genius has been turning out scientific monsters of destruction, our wizards of chemistry have been developing equally startling discoveries of life conservation.

"To-day we possess a marvelous product, which ranks as the greatest single achievement in the annals of modern chemistry—one five-grain tablet of which, when added to the ordinary vegetarian meal, serves as a full equivalent to a half-pound of the best porterhouse steak or to one and a quarter pounds of sausage. Therefore, Germany need never resort to the necessity of the admittedly unpleasant thought of eating her prisoners, although it is well known that

human flesh is very tasty. Naturally, this formula is a military secret, and great care will be taken to prevent any of this product falling into the enemies' hands, for fear they might possibly be able to analyze it and then reproduce it themselves."

Just what this alleged marvelous product contains is of course still a mystery to the scientists of this country, although it is a well known fact that many of the organic sulphates, when taken in conjunction with other food, will greatly increase the blood tissues and weight of the individual. It has long been a recognized fact that a purely organic, assimilable and digestible iron would greatly enhance the general health of mankind, but the only known chemical iron ruined the teeth, upset the digestion, and were just about as absorbable in the human anatomy as a ten-cent piece would be.

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MEANING OF SHIP TONNAGE

Several Different Uses of Term, Applied as Occasion Demands, Are Cited by National Authority.

The different uses of tonnage terms when speaking of ships are causes of confusion to the lay mind. Why ships cannot be really compared according to tonnage is explained by Capt. C. A. McAllister, engineer in chief, United States coast guard, in an article in Popular Science Monthly. For example, he states, steamship companies, in order to impress relative safety of their craft, will advertise the sailing of a certain steamer of 20,000 tons, meaning, of course, gross tons. The company's agent, in entering it at the custom house, will take precaution to certify that she is only 7,340 tons, when paying tonnage taxes. He then is referring to her net tonnage, and in fact that standard is used only when paying dues or taxes.

Displacement tonnage is almost exclusively applied to warships, as they do not carry cargoes. Strange to say, the tonnage of a battleship varies almost hourly, as coal or other weighty objects are used or taken on board. The tonnage of warships is, however, fixed; they are referred to in terms of the fixed tonnage.

A statement that a 10,000-ton battleship sank a 10,000-ton merchant ship does not mean that the ships were of equal size. The merchant ship would be much larger, owing to the different meanings of the term "ton," as applied to the two types of vessels. It is absolutely impossible to give rules for the relation of these terms, as the conditions vary too greatly. Generally speaking, the gross tonnage of a ship is from 50 to 100 per cent greater than the net tonnage.

HIS BOSS LAUGHED AT HIM

Novice Draftsman Relates How He Got His First Toehold After His Work Had Been Ridiculed.

I never shall forget the first piece of independent design with which I was entrusted—a railing and gate to divide the private from the public office in some business concern, observes a writer in the Century Magazine. I suppose I worked on it for about two solid days, assisted and encouraged as far as I was capable of receiving assistance by the men at the neighboring tables. When finally the head draftsman came around to look at my effort I was a very proud person, but when, after looking at the drawings for a minute or two, he started to make some criticism and, unable to control himself, began to laugh so hard that everybody else came around to see what he was laughing at. I was about as disappointed as anybody ever was in the world. The head draftsman was not only a great artist, but a big man. He did not take the job away from me, as he should have done; he told me where it was wrong and why it was wrong, apologized for laughing at it, and gave me in these few minutes my first toehold in comprehension of architectural design. It was then that I began to learn.

An Isolated Island.

The last and most isolated of the Polynesian Islands is Easter Island. It lies 2,000 miles westward of the coast of Chile, its nearest neighbor being Pitcairn Island, 1,400 miles further west. It is small, only 45 square miles in area, and volcanic, the surface being formed of lava of comparatively recent eruption. Hence the strange lack of vegetation so curiously at variance with a tropical climate. Grass grows on it, however, and it is for that reason largely given up to the raising of sheep and cattle.

Easter Island was discovered nearly two hundred years ago by the Dutch Admiral Roggeveen, who cast anchor there on an Easter Sunday, whence it derived its name. He found it more largely populated than it is now. But he and his crew must have seen and marveled at its bold rock-sculpture, its terraces and walls, its picture writings. Many of these, indeed, rival the world-famous relics of Mexico and Peru, while they are strangely akin to them in conception and design.

When a Child "Falls."

When a child falls in school, must it always be the fault of the child? May it not be the fault of his parents? Or of the school which he attends? Investigations have shown that there is a host of children whose mental sluggishness is due to physical causes. Dr. M. P. E. Grossmann writes in Humanitarian. Even conservative estimates place the percentage of children suffering from some physical ailment at 75; this means about 18,000,000 children of school age in this country. Almost all of these ailments are removable, even preventable. They range from decayed and maladjusted teeth with their manifold sad effects upon the efficiency and the temper of the growing child to such serious defects as nervous disorders, tuberculosis, blindness, etc.

Large Feet and Bad Cough.

Muggins was the possessor of very large feet and a very bad cough. He entered a boot shop and the young assistant turned the shop upside down to find something to fit his "out size." Muggins had just tried on the fortieth pair when he started coughing.

"It's a nasty cough you've got," said the assistant. "Yes," gasped Muggins. "Doctor says I've one foot in the grave now." "I shouldn't worry," said the assistant. "You'll never get the other in; it's too big."

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Pet Seagull, 35 Years Old Dies.

"Charlie," a pet seagull belonging to the bishop of Ely, has died, after having been an occupant of the Palace gardens 26 years. It was caught on the Dorset coast 35 years ago.—From the Mail, Paris.

Our estimate of a pessimist is that he is the kind of person who doesn't believe grease would do an axle any good.

Straightening Wire.
Stray pieces of copper wire have many uses, but it often is necessary to straighten out wire that has already been used. See that there are no sharp bends or kinks in the wire and straighten out by hand any such that are found. Fasten an end of the wire to some firm anchorage; grip it in the vise if need be. Loop the other end of the wire around a hammer handle or similar instrument and then pull out the length of the wire. Repeat the operation as often as necessary. If the wire is of soft copper it will stretch a little, which improves it.

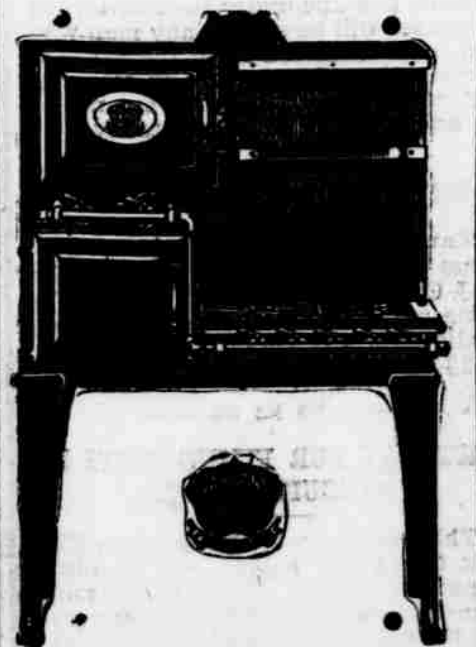
Poor Man!

According to Plutarch, Cato said that in his whole life he most repented of three things. One was that he had trusted a secret to a woman; another, that he went by water when he might have gone by land; the third, that he had remained one whole day without doing any business of moment.

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